

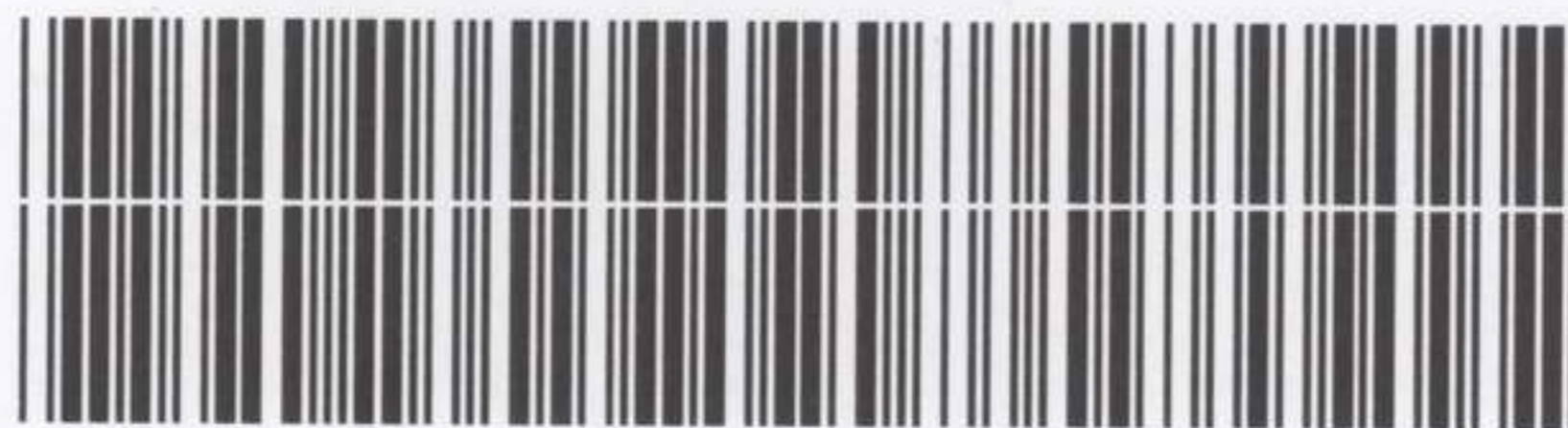
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OF

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FOR

Month of JULY 1918,

Signature of Officer compiling

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bertangles. July 1918	1st.		<p>Conference held in S.M.T.O's Mess. All Aust. M. T. Coys., and their Workshop Officers, in the Australian Corps, represented.</p> <p>Reference to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Alteration in Mobilisation Store Table of D.M.T. Units. (b) Alteration in trades in Workshops of D.M.T. Units. <p>Present.:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colonel W.H. Tunbridge. S.M.T. O. Australian Corps. Major J. Hamilton, O. C. Aust. Corps M. T. Column. Capt. W. S. Ross and Lieut H. Hartley, 2nd Aust. M. T. Coy.. Major M. M. Lyons and Capt. S.B. Lacey, 3rd Aust. M. T. Coy.. Capt. V. Hutchison and Capt. F. R. Burden, 4th Aust. M. T. Coy. Major A. H. James and Capt. H.M. Tatham 5th Aust M. T. Coy.. Major E. G. Fordyce and Lieut. H.H. Bird 6th Aust. M. T. Coy.. Capt. H. J. Lane, Adjutant, S.M.T.O. Australian Corps. <p>For recommendations by this Conference see Appendix 1.</p> <p><u>Weather Fine.</u></p>	Appendix 1.
"	2nd		<p>Australian Corps Q. 34/83 forwarded D.A. & Q.M.G. letter in reference to suggested camouflaging of " Lorry Standings " and requested a report by S.M.T.O. : for report and suggestions by S.M.T.O., see Appendix No. 2. (M100)</p> <p><u>Weather Fine.</u></p>	Appendix
"	3rd		<p>D. D. S. & T. Fourth Army, under 543 of 1/7/18 called for certificate to be furnished that all M. T. Units in Australian Corps were using Stock Ledgers and not cards in accordance with D. of T's Circ. Mem. No 215. Certificate duly rendered certifying all Units using Stock Ledgers for Workshop Records except 5th Aust. M. T. Coy. . This Unit was instructed to immediately abolish the present system and have a Stock Ledger brought into use in accordance with D. of T's instructions (M104)</p> <p><u>Weather Fine.</u></p>	

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Bertangles July 1918.	4th		Routine as usual. Weather fine.	
	5th		S.M.T.O. in accordance with request from D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army, furnished report on experiences of Mechanical Transport during recent operations. For remarks hereon see Appendix 3. (M.50) Aust Corps "Q" forwarded D.A. & Q.M.G. letter 180/134 of 29/6/18, which proposed as Light Railways were now being utilised one M.T. Coy should be withdrawn at a time for overhaul and rest; for S.M.T.O.'s reply see Appendix 4., and see Appendix 5 for subsequent instructions for carrying this into effect. S.M.T.O. (Col. W.H. Tunbridge) left for A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters, London, on D.M.T.S. business, at 5 p.m. Major J. Hamilton, O.C. Aust Corps M.T. Column, Acting S.M.T.O. during my absence.	Appendix 3. Appendices 4 & 5.
	6th		General Routine. Weather fine. ///	
	7th		General Routine. Weather fine but cloudy. ///	
	8th		See Appendix 6 for proposed instructions to Army Brigade, Australian Field Artillery Park Sections, by D.D.S. & T., and S.M.T.O.'s suggestions and remarks. (M 112/1) ///	Appendix 6.
	9th		School of Lorry Driving at MARTAINNEVILLE. D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army, under C.R. 268 of 9/7/18 forwarded particulars of proposed School of Lorry Driving for training Junior xxxxx N.C.Os and men to attain increased efficiency in M.T. units. ///	

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Bertangles July 1918	9th		<p>School of Lorry Driving at MARTAINNEVILLE (continued) Australian Corps to provide 20 out of 100 men, 25 % of the candidates to be junior N.C.O.'s also to find 8 lorries and 1 Sergeant Technical Instructor for the School. Aust. Corps under 188/1854 forwarded further instructions, setting out further particulars of the proposed School.. S.M.T.O. (under M116 of 9/7/18) instructed Aust. Corps M. T. Col. and K Siege Park herein. See appendix 7.</p>	Appendix 7.
"	10th		<p><u>Weather Fine in the morning; rain in the afternoon.</u> ///</p> <p>General Routine.</p> <p><u>Weather. Fine.</u> ///</p>	
"	11th		<p>S.M.T.O. called on Aust. Corps "A" reference recommendation forwarded that C.Q.M.S. King should be reduced to Driver; also re Courts of Enquiry and Water Tank Trailers lost and abandoned by S. B. A. C's. C.I.M.T. inspected 4th Aust. Div. D.A.D.O.S. Car and lorries at "K" Siege Park for evacuation.</p>	
"	12th		<p><u>Fourth Army School of Lorry Driving.</u> /// Further to instructions received on 9/7/18 Aust. Corps M. T. Col and K Siege Park were advised as per instructions contained in Appendix 8. (M116/2 and M116/3 of 12/7/18) S.M.T.O. visited 2nd Ord. Mob. Workshop with Adjutant to check transport in possession. O. C. "K" Siege Park called and discussed supply of Petrol in Bulk. ///</p>	Appendix 8.

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Bertangles July 1918	13th		<p>D. D. S. & T. C.R. 1924 wrote as follows - " It has been suggested that the Tool Kits of Motor Cycles should be recognised as Company Stores and that when a Cycle is evacuated to Base, the tool kits should not be returned with it and contrariwise when a cycle is sent up from Base, the tool kits should not be sent up with it. " S.M.T.O. replied:- (1) Consider this procedure would result in a saving. (2) A certain number of tool kits would require to be held by M. T. Coys to enable kits to be made up. (3) That officers are more responsible for deficiency in kits than Despatch Riders. (M 124)</p>	302
"	14th		<p><u>Weather. Dull with light rain.</u> Adjutant went to Fauquambergues to Pay Printing Section attached D.M.T.S. O. C. 6th Aust. M. T. Coy. called regarding section of lorries in rest.</p>	
"	15th		<p><u>Leave Motor Bus Service.</u> 3rd Aust. M. T. Coy. instructed to detail lorries for same, see Appendix 9 (J/20/1) S.M.T.O. visited D.D.S. & T. Fourth Army to discuss various C.I.M.T. G.H.Q. Inspection reports including that of 47 S.B.A.C.; also discussed generally homogeneity schemes, etc..</p>	Appendix 9.
"	16th		<p><u>Weather. Fine.</u> D.D.S. & T. 4th Army (C.R. 626) called for statement showing the approximate number of Category "B" M. T. Drivers with "K" Siege Park with the idea of replacing them with Category "A" Drivers. Report forwarded showing 624 men under category "B" and 434 not yet calssified (M 130)</p>	

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Bertangles July 18.	16th		A/S.M.T.O. visited Fourth Army School of Lorry Driving with Adjutant. O.C. of the School Major W.J. Beatty expressed himself as very pleased with the Australian Students. <u>Weather* Fine.</u>	
"	17th		O. C. 6th Aust. M. T. Coy. called to discuss the moving of his Unit to Longpre or St. Saveur to reduce mileage. It was decided to take no action until certain roads had been repaired. <u>Weather Fine.</u>	
"	18th		D. D. S. & T. (C.R. 334) advised that 8 Motor Cycles were being sent up for 2nd. 3rd. 4th and 5th M.T. Coys. See Appendix 10(0/2) A/S.M.T.O. visited "K" Siege Park and discussed the reduction of G 1098 Mobilisation Store Table of an S.B.A.C.. Also visited 2nd 3rd and 4th Aust. M. T. Coys at rest.	Appendix 10.
"	19th		D.D.S. & T. (C.R. 1968) forwarded copy of D. of T's letter No 10504/70 reference extra fitters with D.M.T. Coys when sections exceed six. See Appendix 11. (0/4) A/S.M.T.O. visited sections at rest of 4th and 5th Aust. M. T. Coys. Telephoned D.D.S. & T. 4th Army regarding Vauxhall parts for Car held up in "K" Siege Park Workshops. <u>Weather. Raining.</u>	Appendix 11.
"	20 th 29th		Major E. T. Searle O.C. 4th Aust. M. T. Coy. reported , and his inspection report was discussed. A/S.M.T.O. called at Aust. Corps "Q" regarding detailing of Box Car for two weeks out of three by D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army. <u>Weather Fine.</u>	

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Bertangles , July '18.	21st		<p>Adjutant visited Aust Corps "Q" and discussed generally detail of lorries with Col. Somerville, and Lieut Kemsley, and pointed out that although Light Railways were now operating in the area the Chief Engineer's demand for motor transport was approximately the same as before.</p> <p>Homogeneity Scheme of Army Brigade Park Sections, and Army Troops Companies R.E. in Aust Corps forwarded to Aust Corps M.T. Column for action as per schedule. See Appendix 12.</p>	Appendix 12
			Weather fine.	
	22nd		General routine.	
	23rd		A/S.M.T.O. inspected Sections at rest of 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Aust M.T. Companies.	
	24th		General Routine.	
			Weather cloudy.	
	25th		<p>A/S.M.T.O. visited 3rd A.M.T. Coy Workshops regarding expediting repairs to vehicles of 5th & 86th Park Sections which were due to move.</p> <p>Also visited D.D.S.&T., Fourth Army and discussed the loss of motor cycles by "K" Siege Park; failure of supply of hose for Peerless lorries by Base, and other matters.</p>	
			Weather showery.	
	26th		<p>D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army, under C.R. 2008 forwarded D. of T. Circular Memorandum No. 258 reference location of A.S.C. Units. Difficulty had been experienced by M.F.O. in locating units when changes of Railhead are made, and consequent delay in receiving stores from Base M.T. Depots; to obviate this, units to notify M.F.O. direct as to changes of their Railhead. All units notified.</p>	
			Weather wet.	

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Bertangles	July 1918.	27th	Instructions received from Aust Corps regarding the necessity of silence in connection with operations. 3500 slips on the subject were received and distributed to all Units under my administration to be posted in every A.B.64 or in every A.B.439. For particulars of slip see Appendix No.13.	Appendix 13.
"	28th		O.C."K" Siege Park called and discussed the homogeneity of vehicles under his command. Adjutant visited Fauquembergues to pay men attached Printing Section. Weather fine.	
"	29th		General Routine. Weather fine.	
"	30th		Adjutant, Capt H.J.Lane, on leave to U.K. for 14 days; Lieut L.T.Maplestone acting Adjutant during Capt Lane's absence. Weather fine.	
"	31st		A/S.M.T.O. reconnoitred area around Dury and Saleux for sites for M.T.Units; for locations and units marching in, see Appendix 14. O.C.12th Div M.T.Coy called regarding his D.A.Section. Weather fine.	Appendix 14.

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F. S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps
 Colonel,

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APPENDIX.

S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

FOR

Month of July, 1918.

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2.	Camouflaging of Lorry Standings.
3.	Experiences of Mechanical Transport during recent operations.
4.	S.M.T.O. remarks on "Suggested withdrawal for rest & overhaul of one M.T.Coy due to light Railways iperating".
5.	S.M.T.O. instructions to O.C.units for Sections of unit in rest.
6.	Proposed instructions to Aust Field Arty Park Sections.
7.	School of Lorry Driving, instructions reference Establishment.
8.	Further instructions School of Lorry Driving.
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9.	Leave Motor Bus Service; instructions to 3rd Aust M.T.Coy.
10.	Increase in establishment of motor cycles for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Aust M.T.Coys.
11.	Extra fitters with Div M.T.Coys when sections exceed six.
12.	Homogeneity Scheme of A.B.P.Sections and Army Troops Coys.R.E.
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14.	Locations of Units , and Units marching in.
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Appendix 1

D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army.
-----S.M.T.O.,
AUSTRALIAN
CCRPS.No. M94
Date.....

Reference your 1819 of 27/6/18.

I attach list of alterations proposed in the G.1098 for
M.T. Companies.

This was compiled at a conference of all M.T. Company O's C. and Workshop Officers in the Corps. Many of these Officers have been with M.T. in France since early in 1915 and consequently have had large experience.

Although many additions have been recommended they are all absolutely required, and most of them are supplied in the Field. In my opinion they should be added to the G.1098 so that a new unit on taking the field should be as complete as possible.

5/7/18
WHT

W. J. ... Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

G 1098 April 1918.

1.

A Divisional Mechanical Transport Coy. A. .C.

Reference G. R. O. 3472 and D.D.S. & T. letter 1319 of 27/6/18.

Remarks on, at Conference held by S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps with O.Gs. and Workshop Officers of Australian M. T. Coys, in Aust. Corps.

G1098 Item Referred to. Page.	G1098 Reduce shows To.	Increase To.	Remarks passed at Conference.	
<u>3.</u>				
<u>Section 2A.</u>				
Boxes, candle, F.S. filled	12	0	0	See below, reference Lanterns, tent, folding.
Lanterns, tent, folding,	12	0	0	Substitute hurricane lanterns.
Tents, complete, marquee, small, sgle	1	-	3	Two 3-pole, one 2-pole; these are specially required for Q.M.Store, supply & Orderly Room.
<u>N.I.V. (c).</u>				
Flares, acetylene-- hand..	6	7	-	Cut out all flares except D Type. " " " " " "
D Type..	2	-	2	
<u>4.</u>				
<u>Section 3.</u>				
Steel, mild.				Quoted in feet more convenient for reference. This steel is used for superstructure work 3 or 4 lengths should be on each Mob Table. Cut down to three lengths of 12 feet.
Angle 1 1/2 X 1/2 lbs	42	-	12 Ft.	
" 1 1/2 X 3/8 "	63	-	36 Ft.	
" 2 X 3/8 "	144	-	36 Ft.	
<u>N. I. V. (a)</u>				
Phosphor Bronze Bushing 6 1/2 out- side 5" inside	0	-	3 Ft.	This larger size is required.
Steel, mild, bright round, 2"	15	6	-	
<u>Section 6 B N.I.V. (a)</u>				
Leather, hide, oil dressed 1/4" sq.ft.	1 1/2	-	-	Leave in, small quantity of leather necessary " " " " " "
" 1/16" "	1 1/2	-	-	
<u>Section 7.</u>				
Chests, tool, filled Carpenters & Whlrs.	2	-	4	Carpenters cannot work without tools.
Painters & Glaziers	3	2	-	

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4	<u>Section 7 contd.</u>				
	Blocks, swage, with stand	1	-	2	These are necessary; one absolutely necessary, being in constant use.
	" V 6 inch pairs	6	3	-	
	" V 3 " "	-	-	3	This smaller size would be much handier.
5	Lamps, brazing, 5 pints	6	-	9	
	" " 1 pint	6	3	-	
	Nail pullers	3	2	-	
	Plates, surface, 12 X 8	1	-	-	
	" " 8 X 6	-	-	1	
	Straight edges, steel 2ft.	1	-	2	
	" " " 4ft.	1	-	-	
	Tools, screw cutting, bolt and nut, Mark 3				
	Chests B 1" to 5/8" full	1	-	2	
	" C 1/8" to 5/16" "	1	-	2	
	" D 1/2" to 1/16" "	1	-	2	
	Vices, bench, parallel 45L.	9	-	15)	Work is much delayed by fitters having no vices. The cost of a vice is not to be compared with the value of time wasted by fitters, when without vices.
	" standing, 80 lbs, with iron bench)	3	-	5)*	* 3 without benches, 2 with benches.
	<u>Section 7 N.I.V.</u>				
	Chests, tool, filled, art- ificers, M.T. Copper- smiths.	3	2	-	
	Guages, screw, Whit & BSF thread, sets,	1	-	3	One per shop
	do do Metric, sets	1	-	3	" " "
	Micrometers 0-2 inch	1	-	3	" " "
	Shaper, bench, hand,	3	1	-	It requires 1.
	Squirts, oil, leng 8" to 12	18	9	-	
	Truers, valve,	1	-	2	
	<u>Section 8A.</u>				
	Cordage, tarred, spun, yarn, hemp, 3 thr. lbs	9	-	-	Necessary for steam joints on Foden Disinfectors.
	do do white "	9	0	-	Delete.

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5	<u>Section 8 A N.I.V. (a)</u> Brake lining, 4" X 5/16" ft	24	0	-	Should be obtained to suit vehicles concerned.
	Cordage, Manilla, 3" fathoms	50	20		Not used much; too bulky.
	" " 1 1/2" "	-	-	40	More convenient size; not so bulky.
	Sets of blocks, steel, pulley 8 ins sheaves for 3" cordage	2	0	-	Not used; heavy; they get in the mud, choke up and can't be worked.
	Blocks, differential, 3 ton	-	-	1	Used on First Aid; substitute in lieu of above.
6	<u>Section 9A N.I.V. (f).</u> Hydrochloric Acid, pint, bot.	-	-	1	Only Spirits of Salts, killed, otherwise supplied.
6	<u>Section 9B</u> Bottles, stone, stoppered 1 Gal.	3	0	-	
	" " tin oil 1 Gal	18	0	-	
	<u>Section 10A</u> Bolts with nuts, hex hd. 5/8 X 6"	210	72	-	
	Pins, split, keep, 1/8" X 2"	216	-	432)	
	7/64 X 2"	216	-	432)	This makes 1 gross per shop.
	3/32 X 1 1/2"	216	-	432)	
	3/32 X 1"	216	-	432)	
	5/64 X 1 1/4"	216	-	432)	
	1/8 X 1"	216	-	432)	
	1/16 X 1"	216	-	432)	
	Tacks, steel, cut No 197 lbs	6	-	-	What are 197?. 1/2" and 5/4" lack reqd.
	Bolts with nuts, hex hd. 5/8 X 3"	216	72		
	5/8 X 5"	216	72		
	5/8 X 4"	-	-	72	
	9/16 X 6"	-	-	72	
7.	Nuts, hexagon, castellated 5/8"	216	72	-	
	3/4"	216	72	-	
	7/8"	216	36	-	
	1"	216	36	-	

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7	<u>Section 10 A N.I.V. (a)</u> Additional. Nuts, hex, hd. bright, blank (to be threaded as required. 5/16" to 5/8" 3/4" to 1"	0	-	36)	These are very necessary as they can be screwed to suit
		0	-	12)	
	Rivets., copper, snaphead, 1" X 1 1/2" lbs 1/2" X 1" "	1 1/2	0	-	Delete and substitute next item. More suitable length.
	Washers, spring, 1/2" to 1" each	216	0	432	
	Tubing, Tee pieces, Elbows, Couplings and nipples each	9	-	-	All required for acetylene h'lights
	<u>Section 10 B.</u> Covers, waterproof, black or khaki, 30 X 20 do 30 X 40	84	12	-	
	<u>Section 11</u> Lamps, hurricane, " roof, acetylene,	12	0	-	Leave as they are, do not reduce. Delete this pattern; but a better Type is necessary.
		3	0	-	
	<u>Section 11 N.I.V. (a)</u> Brushes, spoke,	66	34	-	
	<u>Section 12.</u> Stamps, steel, for metal, figures 0 to 9 1/2" Letters 1/2"	1	-	3	
	Taps, barrel, M.T. X " " for oil.	8	3	-	Taps supplied are of no use for oil Required specially for oil.
		0	-	3	
	<u>Section 12 N.I.V.</u> Cans, water special, M.T.	9	0	-	
	<u>Section 12 N.I.V. (a)</u> Pumps, oil, benzol	1	0	-	
	<u>Section 13 C N.I.V. (a)</u> Cards, white, 3 X 1/2" Holders for " " " Cloths, mutton,	432	0	-	Should be left in as nothing else is supplied for cleaning purposes.
		216	0	-	
		672	-	-	

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8	<u>Section 19</u>				
	Selvagees, 36 inch.	6	-	-	
	<u>Section 20</u>				
	Levers, 14 feet	4	0	--	
	Scotches, medium,	4	0	-	
	<u>Section 20 N.I.V. (a)</u>				
	Jacks, lifting, Halley 3 ton	2	-	6	
	Additional				
	Jacks, German, 4 ton	-	-	3	
	" Millenium, quick lifting, (Lake & Elliot)	-	-	1	For cars and ambulances.
	<u>Section 21</u>				
	Motor cycles	6	-	9	Should be at least 3 additional
	Box Cars	3	-	-	Should be 15 cwt.
	Ball joints for throttle control	9	-	27	
	Outfits, tyre repair, Car	4	-	12	
	" " " M/Cycle	2	-	12	
	Patches for Outfits				
	Sizes 0 to 3 each	-	-	12	
	Pumps, tyre, car	1	-	3	
	" " motor cycle	2	-	6	
	Plugs, sparking	40	-	-	Sparking plugs are being sent up from Base in very bad con- dition, especially repaired ones.
	Reeds, motor horn	9	-	18	
	<u>Section 28A N.I.V.</u>				
	Belting, double, Balata, for main drive on W'shop, 4"	-	-	25	
	Hydrometers, .6 to 1.4	3	1	-	
	Varnish, insulating, pints	3	1	-	
	Thermometer, max. and Min. Reg	-	-	1	For frost precautions.
	<u>Section 28 B N.I.V. (a)</u>				
	Lamps, electric Carbon	30	-	-	Substitute <u>Metallic filament.</u>
9	<u>Section 28 C</u>				
	Jacks, lifting and traversing 3 tons	2	1	-	

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10	<u>Appendix 1.</u> <u>Detail of Mobile W'shop.</u> One hand drill.	1	-	-	Should be power driven pillar drill.
	<u>Additional. Not in G1098.</u> Clocks, spring balance, Saw, circular,	-	-	2 1	Saw, spindle and bearings would do; 20 inch; to be driven off store lorry.
	Vulcanizer. large size.	0	-	3	Harvey Frost. One per shop.
11	<u>Appendix 3 .</u> Equipment for motor cars. Horn. Substitute Horn <u>Klaxon.</u>	1 -	0 -	0 1	These should be on every Car. Rubber perishes, and one Klaxon in the long run lasts longer and is cheaper in the end.
	<u>Equipment For Motor Cycle</u> Despatch Box, Brook's B 944	1.	0	-	Not used.

5/7/18.
WHT.


Colonel.
S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

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Headquarters, Aust. Corps.

Appendix 2

M.100.

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th A.M.T. Companies are all in villages and dotted about the streets. I consider they are as well camouflaged as they can be.

The 5th is on a main road without camouflage.

The S.B.A.C.s of 5th, 14th, 21st, 23rd, 47th, 51st, Bdes and the 494 S.B.A.C. are all fairly camouflaged by trees - some are well covered.

The S.B.A.C.s of 9th, 68th, 73rd, and 87th Bdes are on main roads without camouflage.

~~It~~ I think the only practical thing to do is to paint all black tilts a dust or khaki color.

Every advantage has been taken of cover where possible. If the Bertangles Avenue could be used 400 lorries could be completely camouflaged here, but it would mean the supply of wood standings for all the vehicles.

5/7/18
WHT

sgd. W.H. Tunbridge, Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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Appendix APPENDIX 3

S.M.T.O. 17
AUSTRALIAN
CCRPS.

No. M50

Date.....

D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army.

Reference your C.R. 1747 of 18/6/18.

The Australian Corps only took over from VII Corps when the operations were quietening down, consequently I have made no report, but would make the following observations:-

In my opinion Workshops of M.T. Units should not be as far forward as most M.T. Units have to park in order to be close to their work. Those of Siege Parks and Div. M.T. Companies when their Divisions are in the line, must be well forward but their workshops and consequently all their immobile vehicles are much better placed 8 to 10 miles or even more, further back.

The unit can then readily change its location to be nearer its work when the Division moves or because the locality is being shelled.

Every time a Workshop changes location fully a week's work is lost, and this during operations is most serious, as every vehicle is urgently required and every minute of artificers' time is valuable.

The workshops being in a more or less settled area the mechanics are able to do much more and better work than when under or expecting shell fire.

The knowledge that all lorries forward are mobile relieves all senior M.T. Officers of much worry and they are able to concentrate on actual transport.

At the present time I have all the M.T. Workshops of the Corps well back and away from their lorry parks. This allows me to move the Unit at any time so as to be near their work, or at very short notice if required. I have no immobile lorries near the front line, and the work of repairing goes on constantly and smoothly, much more work being done.

Transport for Officers and D.Rs.

At present all Section Officers are supposed to ride motor bicycles, but there are only 6 cycles to a Company.

When conditions are such as they were when the Australian Corps took over in this area, or as they would be in a rapid advance, no telephones are available and all communication has to be done by D.R. Consequently the cycles have to be taken for D.R. work, and Officers are left without means of getting about just when it is most important that they should be on the road. If it is only intended to give Officers cycles to ride, then 3 more at least should be added to the establishment to supply the place of machines in workshop and for extra D.Rs that are absolutely necessary under such conditions.

In my opinion it is a very false economy to give cycles to Officers; they should have Fords or some other light cars. The percentage of accidents casualties owing to cycle accidents, even with young and fit Officers, is very great and this will if the work of supervision is attempted gradually get worse owing to the present custom of sending more elderly and less fit men as Officers to the M.T.

I am firmly convinced that were light cars given to Section Officers and 3 cycles per Company for D.R. work, the supervision would be much more thoroughly done and the efficiency of the units immensely improved.

5/7/18

M. W. ...
Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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Appendix 4
4.Headquarters,
Australian Corps.S.M.T.O.,
AUSTRALIAN
CCRPS.

No. M112

Date.....

This, provided it is not contemplated to move the workshops, is an excellent idea, especially as the Aust M.F. have never had a rest since they came out in 1915.

So as to allow all units to participate I would suggest that 20% of the lorries and personnel of each of the 5 Companies now with the Corps be sent back at a time preferably somewhere near the workshops which are at Belloy, St Ouen, and St Leger-les-Domarts.

If carried out in this way a fair proportion of each Unit will benefit by the rest including the Corps Troops Coy, whereas if one Company is sent out at a time, possibly only one and in all probability only two companies would reap any benefit and the Corps Troops could never go out.

I do not approve of moving the workshops as every time this is done fully a week's work is lost and this at present cannot be afforded.

If one Company moved out to rest and takes its workshops with it and then moves up again, two full weeks work on the lorries would be lost and at any rate the vehicles would be much worse off than if the shops are allowed to carry on in their present sites.

5/7/18
WHT

H. W. ...
Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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Officer Commanding,
Aust Corps M.T. Column

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M.112.

1. As supplies are now delivered by Light Railway it has been decided to withdraw a proportion of the lorries of each M.T. Company from detail.
2. This is being done with the object of:-
 - (a) Spelling the drivers.
 - (b) Enabling these ~~drivers~~ lorries to be put in good order.
 - (c) Enabling the Workshops to catch up with the overhauls.
3. 16 Lorries under an Officer from each of Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 Aust M.T. Companies, and 6 lorries from No. 6 A.M.T. Coy, with drivers and a proportion of N.C.Os and loaders will be sent to the neighbourhood of the workshops for a fortnight at a time, commencing Sunday 14/7/18.
4. The lorries will not be parked on a lorry traffic road.
5. Lorries that are likely to require a general overhaul during the ensuing two months should not be sent.
6. A thorough examination should be made of the lorries during this period, all necessary repairs should be done, the lorries should be thoroughly cleaned all over, crank cases, gear boxes, etc., drained and refilled, and the lorry repainted. Tool kits and equipments should be examined, checked, and made up as far as possible.
7. A programme of work should be drawn up, including drill, rifle exercise, and gas helmet practice. An inspection of personnel and lorries will be held towards the end of the fortnight. During the second week if the work on the lorries has progressed satisfactorily, the men should be given the afternoon off and cricket matches and other sports organised.
8. To avoid recalling lorries and personnel, should the lorries be required for supplies etc., the case will be put up to this office, and if possible other transport arranged for.
9. Changes will be made without further notice at the end of each fortnight, the lorries returning to the Unit by 6 p.m. on alternate Saturdays, the fresh batch leaving the Unit for the Rest Area on the following Sunday.

12/7/18
J.H.
Copy to Aust Corps "Q".

sgd. J. Hamilton, Major,
for Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

1. The Officer is in charge of all personnel for administration and discipline, and acts under the direct orders of the O.C. Divisional M.T. Coy to which he is attached.
2. He will arrange leave for his section, and should apply to the O.C. Divisional M.T. Coy for a separate leave allotment.
3. The "Marching in" and "Marching out" states should be rendered to the O.C. M.T. Column of the Corps to whom and from whom he is moving. Such returns should be rendered as are called for by the ~~Divisional~~ O.C. Divisional M.T. Coy.
4. The motor cycle accompanying the Park Section is for the use of the A.S.C. Officer Commanding.
5. He must keep in touch with the Officer Commanding the A.B.A.F.A. ~~Brig~~ Brigade, either by personal visits or by telephone.
6. On a move being ordered he must:-
 - (a) Ascertain from H.Q. A.B.A.F.A. the next location of Headquarters.
 - (b) Notify Brigade H.Q. of his new location, the unit to which he is attached, and how he can be communicated with by telephone.
7. He will keep in constant touch with both Supply and ammunition situations, and is responsible that his lorries arrive at their destinations punctually, and that orders are correctly carried out.
8. On moving to a new area, he will, in consultation with H.Q. of his Brigade and the O.C. Divisional M.T. Coy acquaint himself with the positions of all Railheads, re-filling points and ammunition dumps.
9. The lorries will be maintained by the Divisional M.T. Coy to which they are attached.
In the event of lorries not having their share of attention from the Workshops Staff, the fact should at once be brought to the notice of the O.C. Divisional M.T. Coy.

M.112/1

D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army.

- Reference proposed Instructions to Officers i/c Park Sections.
1. Owing to the small leave allotment at present in force I would suggest that para.2 be altered to read "He will arrange leave for his Section with the O.C., Corps M.T. Column - furnishing him with a niminal roll of men recommended, and due, for leave; giving address when on leave, date of last arrival in France, etc."
 2. As a Park Section renders returns similar to those of an M.T. Coy, I would suggest that the last para. of paragraph 3 be altered to read "Such returns as are called for by the O.C. Corps M.T. Column will be rendered through the Divisional M.T. Coy".
 3. I suggest that rulings be given as to the Disciplinary powers of the O.C. Park Section.
 4. I would add a fresh paragraph, reading "The O.C. Park Section has on his charge all the vehicles of the Section. He will make regular inspections of these vehicles and check the equipments, taking the necessary action in the case of loss by negligence etc., replacements being demanded through the M.T. Coy to which he is attached.
 5. In para.9 I would substitute O.C. Corps M.T. Column for O.C. Divisional M.T. Coy. The former could investigate the case and if necessary allot the repairs to another ~~any~~ Workshop. It is sometimes awkward for M.T. Coys to repair a vehicle of a different make when their own vehicles need a lot of attention.

12/7/18
JH

Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

O.C.,

Aust Corps M.T.Column.
"K" Siege Park.

M.116.

- I. D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army is inaugurating a School of Lorry Driving which will be located at Martainneville, the purpose being to give such training to junior N.C.Os and men as will make for increased efficiency in M.T. Units in the Army.
- II. The School will be considered as a finishing school, and no men will be sent who are not already moderately good drivers.
- III. Various makes of lorries will be required by the School for Instructional purposes and the quota required from Aust Corps will be drawn from units as follows:-
- | Aust Corps M.T.Column. | "K" Siege Park. |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Peerless | 1 Dennis |
| 1 Pierce-Arrow | 1 Thornycroft |
| 1 Pagefield | 1 F.W.D. |
| 1 Daimler | |
- IV. The vehicles should be in first class condition and complete as regards equipment. The Drivers will be required to act as instructors and will be selected with this in view.
- V. O.C., Aust Corps M.T.Column will submit to this office before 3 p.m. on 10th inst the names of three Sergeants considered suitable to act as Assistant Technical Instructors and Sections Sergeants one of which will be selected and notified later.
- VI. Lorries and Instructors will report to Major Beatty (Fourth Army Siege Park) Commandant of the Lorry Driving School at Martainneville on Abbeville - Blangy Road, on Thursday 11th July.
- VII. ~~xxxxx~~ Instructions regarding dates of courses and allotment will be issued later.

9/7/18.
HJL

Reginald Hamulbon
for Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

O.C.,

Aust Corps M.T.Column.
"K" Siege Park.
No.11 Pontoon Park.
No.3 M. A. C.

Diary
APPENDIX 8.

S.M.T.O.,
AUSTRALIAN
CCRPS 22

No. M116/2
Date

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Fourth Army School of Lorry Driving.

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Further to my M.116 dated 9/7/18.

1. Objects of the School. To instruct Drivers and junior N.C.Os in the rule and courtesy of the road, in the maintenance and upkeep of vehicles, in economy in petrol, tyres, and all M.T. expenses. To give instruction in estimating the pace of lorries and in avoiding damage to vehicles and roads through excessive speed and faulty driving; to give practical instruction in driving by day and by night singly and in convoy, and in constructing lorry standings, etc.
2. On completion of the course a certificate giving the standard arrived at will be signed by the Commandant and handed to each driver for record.
3. The Driver's name and a note of the standard attained will be entered in the school books for record, which will be available for reference when drivers desire to obtain civilian employment after the war.
4. Duration of Course. The duration of the course will be six working days.
5. Commencement of course. The school will be opened for the first course on Monday the 15th July.
6. Allotment of Vacancies. The allotment of vacancies for units in Aust Corps for the first four courses will be as per table "A" herewith. It is suggested that 25% of the candidates should be junior N.C.Os.
7. On each Tuesday Units in receipt of an allotment will render to this office a nominal roll of selected students for the next course.
8. Necessary arrangements will be made to despatch the students, by rail if possible, so as to arrive at the school after 3 p.m. on Sunday 14th July (and on each ensuing Sunday) and to return from the school on the following Sunday so as to leave not later than 10 a.m.
9. Junior N.C.Os or Drivers will be selected as far as possible from Units whose work will not be seriously affected by the absence of the men; but it is desired to instruct as many men as possible from all branches of the service with M.T. on charge. In order that M.T. Drivers with such units as Army Troops Coys R.E., Tunnelling Coys R.E., Casualty Clearing Stations, etc., may benefit by the school, Aust Corps M.T.Column will make the necessary adjustments of drivers for these attached units, using for this purpose the surplus Imperial and Australian drivers with No.6 Aust M.T.Coy.
10. Students' Kit. All students arriving at the school should be in possession of rifle, Bayonet, Gas Helmet, Haversack, Water Bottle, cleaning kit for buttons and boots, shaving and washing gear, blankets and ground sheet. A clean change of underclothing should be worn and, if possible, a bath obtained before leaving the unit. Students will also require note book and pencil for note taking at lectures.
11. Staff of the school. The Staff of the school will consist of the following:-

Commandant	Major W.J.Beatty	Fourth Army Siege Park.
Adj. & Q.Mr.	Lieut V.W.Ory.	5th Mobile Repair Unit.
Chief Instructor	Lieut W.L.Overend	"H" Corps Siege Park.
Asst.Instructor	Lieut R.B.B.Winbush	75th Aux. (Petrol) Coy.
12. It is hoped that all concerned will give their best assistance to this school which should be of great practical value to the Army.

12/7/18.

J. Hamilton
Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

S.M.T.O.,
AUSTRALIAN
CORPS.
M/116/2.

T A B L E "A".

ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES FOR 4th ARMY SCHOOL OF DRIVING.

<u>Course commences.</u>	<u>Aust Corps M.T. Column.</u>	<u>"K" Siege Park.</u>	<u>XI Pontoon Park.</u>	<u>3rd Motor Amb. Convoy.</u>
15/7/18.	9	11	-	-
22/7/18.	9*	9	1	1
29/7/18.	9*	9	1	1
5/8/18.	9*	9	1	1

* Includes 2 vacancies for attached units.

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Appendix 8^A

S.M.T.O.,	
AUSTRALIAN	
CORPS.	
No.:	M.116/3.
Date:	

O.C., Aust Corps M.T.Column.
 "K" Siege Park.
 XI Pontoon Park.
 3rd Motor Amb.Convoy.

Fourth Army School of Driving.

Reference para.8 of my M.116/2 dated 12/7/18.

1. Aust Corps M.T.Column will detail an Officer as entraining Officer for four first courses. Officer detailed will furnish necessary movement order to R.T.O.
2. Students will report to entraining Officer at R.T.O's office AILLY-sur-SOMME at 4.30 a.m. Sunday 14th inst., and each ensuing Sunday.
3. Time table is as follows:-

Depart	Ailly-sur-Somme	5.13 a.m.
Arrive	Longpres-les-Corps Saint	about 5.45 a.m.
Depart	" " " "	9.35 a.m.
Arrive	Martainneville	-----
4. Senior N.C.O. will take charge after entrainment and on detrainment will march party to the school and report arrival of the party to the Commandant.
5. Units will arrange own transport to Ailly-sur-Somme.
6. Nominal roll of students for each course will be forwarded to Aust Corps M.T.Column from this office.
7. 48 Hours rations will be taken.

12/7/18
HJL

Hamilton Major
 S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.
 Colonel

O.C.,
3rd Aust M.T.Coy.

J.20/1.

Leave Motor Bus Service.

1. No 3 A.M.T.Coy will detail 4 lorries for a "Leave Motor Bus Service commencing on 16th inst, and continuing daily thereafter until further notice.
2. Lorries will run to time table as follows:-

(a) Forward Journey:-

QUERRIEU	H.16.d.4.8.	Depart	1 p.m.
PETIT CAMON	G.30.a.4.1.		1.45 p.m.
RIVERY	G.32.d.0.9.		2.15 p.m.

Thence by Amiens avoiding Road - Longpre - Argosuvres to X Rds St Sauveur by 3.15 p.m. debussing personnel proceeding via Ailly-sur-Somme. Thence to Pernois, debussing remainder at H.Q.Corps Reinforcement Camp at 4.30 p.m.

Lorries will park for the night with No.3 A.M.T.Coy detachment at Bertheaucourt, reporting on following day for return journey as follows:-

(B) Return Journey:-

H.Q.Corps Reinf'c't Camp	Busses dep.	9 a.m.
Thence by main road to		
Rivery	Busses arr.	10.45 a.m.
Petit Camon		11.15 a.m.
Querrieu		Noon.

Lorries will park at Halting Place Querrieu until 1 p.m., and then carry on with forward journey as in (A).

3. No 3 A.M.T.Coy will arrange for notice board reading "Leave Motor Bus Service HALT" to be painted and placed in a prominent position at the halting places, as soon as possible.
Lorries on this duty will bear a notice reading "Leave Motor Bus Service" on dashboard. This notice to be chalked on until such time as painted notices are completed.
4. The "Leave Motor Bus Service" will also be used for personnel proceeding to schools via Ailly-sur-Somme, Pernois, or Canaples, the number of lorries being increased for the occasion as required.

15/7/18
HJL

Agdt J Hamilton Majr
Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

Copy to :-

Aust Corps M.T.Column.
H.Q., Aust Corps "Q".

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D.D.S. & T.
Fourth Army
C.R. 334
17/7/18.

S.M.T.O.
Australian Corps.

Under Director of Transport's letter No. 15165/4 of 15th inst. a number of Motor Cycles are being sent up for allotment two each to selected Divl. M. T. Coys. On arrival 8 machines will be sent to Australian Corps for issue to:-

2nd Aust. M. T. Coy.	2
3rd " " "	2
4th " " "	2
5th " " "	2

Please notify me when machines are issued.

This is an increase in establishment, authorized under War Office Letter 121/ France/1215 (S.D) D/- 18/6/18.

H. Q. Fourth Army
16/7/18.

Sgd. L. H. H. BURLTON. Major
for D.D.S.&T. Fourth Army.

S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.
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Appendix II

D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army.

S.M.T.O.,
AUSTRALIA
CCRPS.No. 0/1
Date

Reference your 1759 of 20/3/18.

At a conference of O's C. and Workshop Officers in the Australian Corps, the Workshop Trades were considered and the following list is strongly recommended as being more suitable and that would give much more efficiency to the M.T.:-

Fitters & Turners.	20.
Blacksmiths	5.
Sheet-metal Worker	1.
Painter	1.
Electricians	2.
Wheelers	3.

As all the M.T. Companies in this Corps are Australian I am not sending you a list of men suitable for reclassification.

5/7/18
WHT

WHT Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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HOMOGENEITY SCHEME
for
Army Brigade Park Sections and Army Troops Companies.; R.E.

Unit.	Transfers.	To	Receives.	From.	Finally having.
5th A.B.R.H.A.P.S.	2 Thornycrofts 1 Saurer 3 Peerless 10 P'ce-Arrow	(1 to 4th A.M.T.Coy (1 to 281st A.T.Coy	1 Peerless 1 Peerless	4th A.M.T.Coy 189th A.B.R.F.A.P.S.	1 Peerless) 5 1 Peerless) P'less 1 Saurer) 1 3 Peerless) Saurer 10 Pce-Arrow) 10 P-Arrow
189 A.B.R.F.A.P.S.	4 Peerless 12 Pagefields	(1 to 283 A.T.Coy. (1 to 5th A.B.R.H.A.P.S.	2 Pagefields	6th A.M.T.Coy.) 2 Peerless) 14 Pagefields
281 A.T.Coy.	1 Saurer 1 Daimler	6th A.M.T.Coy	1 Thornycroft	5th A.B.R.H.A.P.S.	1 Saurer 1 Thornycroft
6th A.M.T.Coy	2 Pagefields	189th A.B.R.F.A.P.S.	1 Daimler 1 Daimler	283 A.T.Coy 281 A.T.Coy) 2 Daimlers.
283 A.T.Coy.	1 Albion 1 Daimler	6th A.M.T.Coy	1 Peerless	189 A.B.R.F.A.P.S.) 1 Albion) 1 Peerless
4th A.M.T.Coy	1 Peerless	5th A.B.R.H.A.P.S.	1 Thornycroft	5th A.B.R.H.A.P.S.	Thornycroft.

21/7/18

H. Lane
Capt. & Adjutant.
For S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

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*Appendix 13.**To be pasted in A.B. 439 and A.B. 64.***KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!**

The success of any operation we carry out depends chiefly on surprise.

DO NOT TALK.—When you know that your Unit is making preparations for an attack, don't talk about them to men in other Units or to strangers, and keep your mouth shut, especially in public places.

Do not be inquisitive about what other Units are doing; if you hear or see anything, keep it to yourself.

If you hear anyone else talking about operations, stop him at once.

The success of the operations and the lives of your comrades depend upon your **SILENCE**.

If you ever should have the misfortune to be taken prisoner, don't give the enemy any information beyond your rank and name. In answer to all other questions you need only say, "I cannot answer."

He cannot compel you to give any other information. He may use threats. He will respect you if your courage, patriotism, and self-control do not fail. Every word you say may cause the death of one of your comrades.

Either after or before you are openly examined, Germans, disguised as British Officers or men, will be sent among you or will await you in the cages or quarters or hospital to which you are taken.

Germans will be placed where they can overhear what you say without being seen by you.

DO NOT BE TAKEN IN BY ANY OF THESE TRICKS.

Ptd. in France by A.P. & S.S. Press C. X477. 500000. 7/18.

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Appendix 14

Headquarters,
Australian Corps "A".

N.16.

Confirming to-day's telephone message conversation.

I propose to locate M.T.Units marching into the 4th Aust. Division Area (vide para.9 Administrative Instructions No.221) as follows.

12th D.A.M.T. Section	... SALEUX.
8th Canadian Park Section	... SALEUX (South end of Town)
5th Canadian D.A.M.T. Section	... SALEUX - VERS Road.

The above units will be administered by No.2 A.M.T.Coy.

No.18 A.B. R.F.A. P.S. has not yet reported, but on doing so will be located with No.4 A.M.T.Coy at St SAUVEUR, till marching out to 3rd Corps.

3rd Canadian M.T.Coy has reported in the area and will probably take up standings in VERS.

The M.T. of the 86th and 40th Brigades R.G.A., will park along the AMIENS - DURY Road.

31/7/18

sgd. J.Hamilton, Major,
for Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

Copies to Corps M.T.Column and No.2 A.M.T.Coy.

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

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The table below shows the M.T. situation on 5th July 1918.

The following abbreviations are used:-

- L.. 3 ton and 30 cwt lorries. C..Caterpillars.
 F.. Four wheel drive lorries. A..Ambulances .
 M.. Motor Cars. SL..Steam lorries.

Formation.	Type of vehicle.	Estab-lish-ment.	No. off roads owing to accidents shell fire minor causes.	Number off roads owing to overhaul.	Number off roads awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated demanded & awaiting replacement.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily.
Australian Corps.	L.	x 1329.	160.	96.	8.	2.	266.	x 1239.
	SL.	:- 11.	1.	-.	-.	-.	1.	
	A.	84.	5.	6.	-.	1.	12.	
	M.	196.	15.	10.	1.	3.	29.	
	F.	162.	3.	2.	-.	-.	5.	
	C.	86.	-.	3.	3.	-.	6.	

x Includes 36 Workshops. 54 Stores. 10 First Aids.
 :- Includes 5 Foden disinfectors.

6/7/18.

W. Lane Capt
 Colonel,
 S.M.F.O., Australian Corps.

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MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

The table below shows the M.T. situation on 12th July 1918.

The following abbreviations are used:-

L.. 3 ton and 30 cwt lorries, C.. Caterpillars,
 F.. Four wheel drive lorries, A.. Ambulances,
 M.. Motor Cars, SL. Steam Lorries.

Formation	Type of vehicle	Estab-lish-ment.	No. off roads owing to accidents shell fire minor causes.	Number off roads owing to overhaul.	Number off roads awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated demanded & awaiting replacement.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily,
Australian Corps,	L.	* 1404	121	96	5	-	222	* 966
	SL.	x 11	-	-	-	-	-	
	A.	84	8	7	-	-	15	
	M.	180	13	12	2	1	28	
	F.	124	2	1	-	-	3	
	C.	74	-	5	-	-	5	

* Includes 37 Workshops. 56 Store. 10 First Aid.
 x Includes 5 Poden Disinfectors.

13/7/18

John Lane Capt
 Colonel
 S.M.T.O., Australian Corps,

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MECHANICAL TRANSPORT .

The table below shows the M.T. situation on 19th. JULY 1918.

The following abbreviations are used:-

L.. 3 ton and 30 cwt Lorries, C.. Caterpillars,
 F.. Four wheel drive lorries, A.. Ambulances,
 M.. Motor Cars, SL. Steam Lorries.

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Formation	Type of vehicle	Estab-lish-ment.	No. off roads owing to accidents shell fire minor causes.	Number off roads owing to overhaul.	Number off roads awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated demanded & awaiting replacement.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	L	x 1490	130	83	13	1	227	x % 972
	SL	& 11	-	-	-	-	-	
	A	84	5	8	-	-	13	
	M	185	11	16	2	2	31	
	F	140	2	3	1	-	<u>6</u>	
	C	80	-	4	1	-	5	

x Includes 37 Workshops. 56 Store. 10 First Aid.

% Does not include 70 Lorries in Rest Area.

& Includes 5 Foden Disinfectors.

20/7/18.

J. Hamilton
 S.M.T.O., AUSTRALIAN CORPS. *for Colonel.*

APPENDIX

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MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

The table below shows the M.T. Situation on 26/7/18.

The following abbreviations are used:-

L = 3-ton & 30-cwt lorries. C = Caterpillars.
 F = Four wheel drive lorries. A = Ambulances.
 M = Motor cars SL = Steam lorries.

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Formation.	Type of vehicle.	Estab-lish-ment.	No. off roads owing to accidents shell fire, minor causes.	Number off roads owing to overhaul.	Number off roads awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated demanded & awaiting replacement.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	L	* 1407	116	91	16	3	226	860 * †
	SL	‡ 11	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A	84	5	9	-	-	14	
	M	179	12	12	3	2	29	
	F	123	-	-	2	-	2	
	C	74	-	3	2	-	5	

* Includes 37 Workshops, 56 Stores, 10 First-aid.

† Does not include 70 lorries out resting.

‡ Includes 5 Foden disinfectors.

27/7/18.

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 Colonel,
 S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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WEEKLY STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OF LORRIES IN AUSTRALIAN CORPS on 4/7/18

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CORPS	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L
or UNIT	Estab. (less W/shop Store & F-A Lorries	Under Repair	Roads	Ammn.	Supplies	R.E.	Under Load	Perm. other than above	Details Available if Required	W.E. Spares plus 10% of total of working Lorries.	Misc.
Australian Corps	1398	248	10	546	252	29	42	140*	60	231	72

* One lorry used on two duties.

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Reference Column "H".	
5th Army H.A., H.Q.	1
Australian Corps H.A.	64
"K" Siege Park	6
No 10 I.O.M.	1
Res. Army Arty School	3
Divisional H. Q.	21
Postal	9
Ordnance	9
18th Div. M. T. Coy.	3
Miscellaneous	23
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Colonel.
S. M. T. O. Australian Corps.

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WEEKLY STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OF LORRIES IN AUSTRALIAN CORPS on 11/7/18.

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CORPS OR UNIT	A Etab. (less W/shop Store & P.A. Lorries	B Under Repair	C Roads	D Ammn.	E Supplies	F R.E.	G Under Load	H Perm. Details other than above	I Available if required	K W.E. Spares plus 10% of total of working Lorries	L Misc.
Australian Corps	1292	220	16	431	x 194	42	48	x 133	113	226	x 96

x 1 Lorry used on two duties.

13/7/18 .

x Reference Column "H".	
Australian Corps H.A.	59
"K" Siege Park	7
Reserve Army Artillery School	3
No. 10 I.C.M.	1
Fifth Army H.Q., H.A.	1
Divisional H.Q.	19
Postal	9
Ordnance	17
Miscellaneous	17
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Colonel.
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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EMPLOYMENT OF LORRIES on 17th. JULY 1918.
FORMATION - AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Establishment of Lorries.....	1259.
Attached from other Units.....	14.
Less detached to other Units.....	44.
"A" Total to account for.....	1229.
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In Workshops.....	219
Company Duties.....	111
Routine duties (Ammunition)	323
(Supplies.....)	122
(Roads.....)	18
(Standing details...)	98
Special duties :- Army, Corps etc. details.	102
Unused :- Standing loaded...	34
Empty.....	132
Lorries in Rest Area...	70
"B" Total (agreeing with "A").....	1229
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IMMOBILE- awaiting Spares:-
Lorries.... 13
Cars..... 2
Ambulances. 4

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S.M.T.O., ~~for~~ Colonel. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

20/7/18.

EMPLOYMENT OF LORRIES on 24/7/18.
FORMATION - AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

S.M.T.O., AUSTRALIAN CCRPS.
No.....
Date.....

Establishment of lorries.....	1184
Attached from other units.....	14
Less detached to other Units.....	66
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"A" Total to account for.....	1132
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In Workshops.....	210
Company duties.....	56
(Ammunition.....	288
(Supplies.....	153
Routine duties (Roads.....	36
(Standing details.....	94
Special duties:- Army, Corps etc. details.	62
Unused:- Standing loaded.....	37
Empty.....	* 196
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"B" Total (agreeing with "A")	1132.

IMMOBILE - Awaiting
Spares:-

Lorries..... 16.

Cars..... 3.

Ambulances.. -

* includes 70 lorries out resting.

27/7/18.

(Handwritten Signature)
Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.